

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A shotgun-barrel projectile~~The cartridge
according to claim ~~4~~11, characterised in that

- the free space exhibits a projectile spigot arranged on the axis of symmetry,
- the plunger exhibits a bore arranged on the axis of symmetry,
- at least a portion of a radially outer surface of the projectile spigot and at least a portion of a radially inner surface of the bore are substantially adapted to one another in diameter, and
- the projectile spigot and the bore are endowed with wedging elements which in the course of firing and insertion of the plunger into the free space bring about a wedging of the plunger and therefore of the intercalation with the projectile.

3. (Previously Presented) A shotgun-barrel projectile with an intercalation for fitting into a cartridge, the projectile exhibiting a cylindrical free space on its underside, and the intercalation taking the form of a plunger at its end facing towards the projectile, this plunger having a diameter adapted to the free space, characterised in that the projectile is mounted onto the plunger, or conversely, so that before firing the plunger is not wedged in the free space and the plunger is pushed into the free space and wedged in the

free space in the course of firing, the free space exhibits a projectile spigot arranged on the axis of symmetry, the plunger exhibits a bore arranged on the axis of symmetry, the projectile spigot and the bore are substantially adapted to one another in diameter, the projectile spigot and the bore are endowed with wedging elements which in the course of firing and insertion of the plunger into the free space bring about a wedging of the plunger and therefore of the intercalation with the projectile, and the wedging elements include a hollow cylindrical design of the end of the projectile spigot facing towards the intercalation, the underside of the projectile spigot exhibiting an inwardly inclined bevel, the bore in the plunger exhibiting a hemisphere arranged at the bottom, and, in addition, a diameter reduction being arranged on the wall of the bore above the hemisphere.

4. (Previously Presented) A shotgun-barrel projectile with an intercalation for fitting into a cartridge, the projectile exhibiting a cylindrical free space on its underside, and the intercalation taking the form of a plunger at its end facing towards the projectile, this plunger having a diameter adapted to the free space, characterised in that the projectile is mounted onto the plunger, or conversely, so that before firing the plunger is not wedged in the free space and the plunger is pushed into the free space and wedged in the free space in the course of firing, and in that a ring is connected to the plunger on the outer periphery of the plunger via a predetermined breaking-point.

5. (Currently Amended) AThe shotgun-barrel projectile according to Claim 4, characterised in that the ring is formed in one piece with the plunger.

6. (Currently Amended) AThe shotgun-barrel projectile according to

claim 4, characterised in that ring constitutes a stop for the projectiles base.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 4, characterised in that the ring is L-shaped and with one shank encompasses the projectile almost as far as the nose of the projectile.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 7, characterised in that the one shank exhibits an inward-facing projection which engages a corresponding recess in the projectile.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ shotgun-barrel projectile ~~according to claim 1, characterised in that the~~ comprising a projectile and an intercalation for fitting into a cartridge, the projectile exhibiting a cylindrical free space on its underside, and the intercalation taking the form of a plunger at its end facing towards the projectile, a radially outer surface of the plunger having a diameter adapted to a radially inner surface of the free space, characterised in that the projectile and the plunger are mounted so that before firing the plunger is not wedged in the free space and the plunger is pushed into the free space and wedged in the free space in the course of firing so that the radially outer surface of the plunger abuts the radially inner surface of the free space, and in that a nose of the projectile merges, via a bevel with an adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry, and the adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry merges with a plane face running perpendicular to the axis of symmetry and extending as far as the outer periphery of the projectile.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A shotgun-barrel projectile~~ The cartridge according to claim ~~4~~11, characterised in that the intercalation consists of a

plastic material and the projectile consists of a readily deformable material.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A cartridge with comprising a cartridge case, and with a propelling charge, characterised in that provided in the cartridge case, and~~ a shotgun-barrel projectile ~~with an intercalation according to claim 1 is mounted on the propelling charge, the shotgun-barrel projectile comprising a projectile and an intercalation for fitting into a cartridge, the projectile exhibiting a cylindrical free space on its underside, and the intercalation taking the form of a plunger at its end facing towards the projectile, a radially outer surface of the plunger having a diameter adapted to a radially inner surface of the free space, characterised in that the projectile and the plunger are mounted so that before firing the plunger is not wedged in the free space and the plunger is pushed into the free space and wedged in the free space in the course of firing so that the radially outer surface of the plunger abuts the radially inner surface of the free space.~~

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Cartridge~~ The cartridge according to claim 11, characterised in that a nose of the projectile merges, via a bevel with an adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry, and the adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry merges with a plane face running perpendicular to the axis of symmetry and extending as far as the outer periphery of the projectile, and the upper end of the cartridge case is retracted inwards by 180° and rests on the plane face.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A shotgun-barrel projectile~~ The cartridge according to claim 10, characterized in that the projectile comprises lead.

14. (New) The shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 3,

characterised in that a nose of the projectile merges via a bevel with an adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry, and the adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry merges with a plane face running perpendicular to the axis of symmetry and extending as far as the outer periphery of the projectile.

15. (New) The shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 3, characterised in that the intercalation consists of a plastic material and the projectile consists of a readily deformable material.

16. (New) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 15, characterized in that the projectile comprises lead.

17. (New) A cartridge comprising a cartridge case, a propelling charge provided in the cartridge case, and a shotgun-barrel projectile with an intercalation according to claim 3 mounted on the propelling charge.

18. (New) The cartridge according to claim 17, characterised in that a nose of the projectile merges, via a bevel with an adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry, and the adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry merges with a plane face running perpendicular to the axis of symmetry and extending as far as the outer periphery of the projectile, and the upper end of the cartridge case is retracted inwards by 180° and rests on the plane face.

19. (New) The shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 4, characterised in that a nose of the projectile merges via a bevel with an adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry, and the adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry merges with a plane face

running perpendicular to the axis of symmetry and extending as far as the outer periphery of the projectile.

20. (New) The shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 4, characterised in that the intercalation consists of a plastic material and the projectile consists of a readily deformable material.

21. (New) A shotgun-barrel projectile according to claim 20, characterized in that the projectile comprises lead.

22. (New) A cartridge comprising a cartridge case, a propelling charge provided in the cartridge case, and a shotgun-barrel projectile with an intercalation according to claim 4 mounted on the propelling charge.

23. (New) The cartridge according to claim 22, characterised in that a nose of the projectile merges, via a bevel with an adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry, and the adjoining shoulder running parallel to the axis of symmetry merges with a plane face running perpendicular to the axis of symmetry and extending as far as the outer periphery of the projectile, and the upper end of the cartridge case is retracted inwards by 180° and rests on the plane face.